

# division of public housing & rental assistance



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## Section 8: Housing Choice Voucher/ Veterans Administration Supported Housing Program *Fact Sheet*

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) administers this program, established by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which serves homeless veterans with severe psychiatric and/or substance abuse disorders.

DHCD's Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance, which administers this program, has the responsibility for regulatory and administrative oversight of all state and federally-aided rental assistance programs which address the needs of low-income families, elderly and persons with disabilities.

### **How it works**

The program combines an allocation of Section 8/HCVF rental vouchers from HUD with ongoing case management and clinical services provided by Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH). Services include: housing search assistance; community-based management services; outpatient health services; hospitalization; and other services on a regular basis.

### **Who is eligible**

Homeless disabled veterans who are Section 8/HCVF eligible.

### **Application process**

All applicants must be referred to DHCD by the VASH staff.

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**Grants**

Up to 62 VASH subsidies are distributed by DHCD throughout Greater Boston and the North Shore regions.

**For further  
information**

Please contact the Bureau of Federal Rental Assistance at (617) 573-1150.